

Natural Resources Conservation Service

Application Ranking Summary

GLRI Phosphorus 14/15

Program:	Ranking Date:	Application Number:
Ranking Tool: GLRI Phosphorus 14/15		Applicant:
Final Ranking Score:		Address:
Planner:		Telephone:
Farm Location:		

National Priorities Addressed

Issue Questions	Responses
If the application is for development of a Conservation Activity Plan (CAP), the agency will assign significant ranking priority and conservation benefit by answering "Yes" to the following question. Answering "Yes" to question 1a will result in the application being awarded the maximum amount of points that can be earned for the national priority category.	
1. a. Is the program application to support the development of a Conservation Activity Plan (CAP)? If answer is "Yes", do not answer any other national level questions. If answer is "No", proceed with evaluation to address the remaining questions in this section.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Water Quality Degradation – Will the proposed project improve water quality by: (select all that apply)	
2. a. Implementing the practices in a Comprehensive Nutrient Management Plan (CNMP)?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
2. b. Implementing the practices in a Nutrient Management Plan (NMP)?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
2. c. Reducing impacts from sediment, nutrients, salinity, or pesticides on land adjoining a designated "impaired water body" (TMDL, 303d listed waterbody, or other State designation)?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
2. d. Reducing the impacts from sediment, nutrients, salinity, or pesticides in a "non-impaired water body"?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
2. e. Implementing practices that improve water quality through animal mortality and carcass management?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Water Conservation – Will the proposed project conserve water by: (select all that apply)	
3. a. Implementing irrigation practices that reduce aquifer overdraft.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
3. b. Implementing irrigation practices that reduce on-farm water use?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
3. c. Implementing practices in an area where the applicant participates in a geographically established or watershed-wide project?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
3. d. Implementing practices that reduce on-farm water use as a result of changing to crops with lower water consumptive use, the rotation of crops, or the modification of cultural operations?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Air Quality - Will the proposed project improve air quality by: (select all that apply)	
4. a. Meeting on-farm regulatory requirements relating to air quality or proactively avoid the need for regulatory measures?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
4. b. Implementing practices that reduce on-farm emissions of particulate matter (PM2.5, PM10)?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
4. c. Implementing practices that reduce on-farm generated greenhouse gases such as carbon dioxide (CO2), methane (CH4), and nitrous oxide (N2O)?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
4. d. Implementing practices that increase on-farm carbon sequestration?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Soil Health:– Will the proposed project improve soil health by: (select all that apply)	
5. a. Reduce erosion to tolerable limits (Soil "T")?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
5. b. Increasing organic matter and carbon content, and improving soil tilth and structure?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Wildlife Habitat – Will the proposed project improve wildlife habitat by: (select all that apply)	
6. a. Implementing practices benefitting threatened and endangered, at-risk, candidate, or species of concern.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
6. b. Implementing practices that retain wildlife and plant habitat on land exiting the Conservation	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>

Reserve Program (CRP) or other set-aside program?	
6. c. Implementing practices benefitting honey bee populations or other pollinators?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
6. d. Implementing land-based practices that improve habitat for aquatic wildlife?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Plant and Animal Communities: Will the proposed project improve plant and animal communities by: (select all that apply)	
7. a. Implementing practices that result in the management control of noxious or invasive plant species on non-cropland?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
7. b. Implementing practice in an Integrated Pest Management Plan (IPM)?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Energy Conservation– Will the proposed project reduce energy use by: (select all that apply)	
8. a. Reducing on-farm energy consumption?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
8. b. Implementing practice(s) identified in an approved AgEMP or energy audit, which meet ASABE S612 criteria?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Business Lines – Will the practices to be scheduled in the “EQIP Plan of Operations” result in:	
9. a. Enhancement of existing conservation practice(s) or conservation systems already in place at the time the application is received?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>

State Issues Addressed

Issue Questions	Responses
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1. Is the program application for development of a Conservation Activity Plan (CAP)? If answer is “Yes”, do not answer any other state level questions. If answer is “No”, proceed with evaluation to address the remaining questions in this section.(400 Points)	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Water Quality:	
2. Does the application include core conservation practices that will be implemented within 1/4 mile of, and address resource concerns associated with, a stream or water body that is threatened (i.e., receives significant runoff of excess nitrogen or phosphorus), on the EPA 303(d) list, or is impaired with a TMDL in place and therefore not on the 303(d) list, or within 1/4 mile of a critical stream or water body, documented as such, by the Regional Conservationist? Yes to any of the above = 100 Points.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Watershed Impacts:	
3. Are core conservation practices planned on the majority of the offered acres and i. Greater than 50% of the offered acres are within the targeted 8-HUC and 12-HUC watersheds, AND ii. Greater than 50% of the offered acres have a core conservation practice for the primary watershed impairments (excess nutrients or sediment; develop or improve wildlife habitat; and/or addressing invasive species) planned for application? Yes to both i and ii = 125 Points. No to either = 0 Points.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Collaborative Efforts:	
4. Are core conservation practices planned within an existing State agency or other non-USDA water quality project area (Example: State or county watershed plan, NGO focus watershed) addressing the same or similar watershed impairments (excess nutrients or sediment; develop or improve wildlife habitat; or addressing invasive species)? Yes = 75 Points.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Enhance Soil Health through a Conservation System Approach:	
5. Will the applicant enhance Soil Health by implementing Residue and Tillage Management, No-Till (329) and/or Residue and Tillage Management, Reduced Till (345) for all crops; and Nutrient Management (590); and either Cover Crop (340) and/or Conservation Crop Rotation (328 with small grain, hay) on acres not previously using these practices within GLRI identified Priority Watersheds? Yes to all three criteria = 50 Points. No to any one of the three = 0 Points.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
High-Risk Soils:	
6. Are core conservation practices to be implemented on offered acres, associated with a majority of soil types that are classified hydrologic group D (high runoff) or group A (high infiltration)? Yes = 50 Points.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>

Local Issues Addressed

Issue Questions	Responses
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1. Is the program application to support the development of a Conservation Activity Plan (CAP)? If answer is “Yes”, do not answer any other national level questions. If answer is “No”, proceed with evaluation to address the remaining questions in this section.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Local Work Group Identified priorities:	
1. WQD-Excess Nutrients in Surface & Ground Waters: Adams, Allen, Wells	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
2. Degraded Plant Condition-Undesirable Plant Productivity & Health: Adams, Allen, Wells	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
3. Soil Erosion-Sheet, Rill & Wind: Adams, Wells SQD-Compaction: Allen	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
4. Soil Erosion-Sheet, Rill & Wind: Allen WQD-Excess Pathogens & Chemicals from Manure, Bio-solids or Compost Applications: Adams, Wells	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
5. SQD-Compaction: Adams, Wells AQ-Emissions of Greenhouse Gasses (GHG): Allen	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
6. SQD-Organic Matter Depletion: Adams, Wells WQD-Excess Pathogens & Chemicals from Manure, Bio-solids or Compost Applications: Allen	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
7. WQD-Pesticide Transport to Surface & Ground Water: Allen WQD-Excessive Sediment in Surface Waters: Adams, Wells	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
8. SQD-Organic Matter Depletion: Allen Degraded Plant Condition-Excessive Plant Pest Pressure: Adams, Wells	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
9. AQ-Emissions of Greenhouse Gasses (GHG): Adams, Wells F&W-Habitat Degradation: Allen	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
10. WQD-Excessive Sediment in Surface Waters: Allen F&W-Habitat Degradation: Wells Livestock Production Limitation-Inadequate Feed & Forage: Adams	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>

Land Use:

Resource Concerns	Practices
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Ranking Score

Efficiency: Local Issues: State Issues: National Issues: Final Ranking Score:
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This ranking report is for your information. It does not in any way guarantee funding. When funding becomes available, you will be notified if your application is selected for funding. Some changes to the application may be required before a final contract is awarded.

Notes:

NRCS Representative:	Applicant Signature Not Required on this report for Contract Development unless required by State policy:
Signature Date:	Signature Date: